net bank credit; 18% of the total credit in respect of direct finance extented to agriculture (including allied activities) by March, 1990; and the advances to weaker section, which, includes small and marginal farmers and landless cultivators and artisans, are to reach a level of 10% of total credit or 25% of the priority sector advances. Against the above targets, public sector banks as a whole have extended 44.3% of their total advances to priority sector as at the end of December, 1989. With regard to direct finance to agriculture, these banks have extended 16.6% of their total advances as at the end of December, 1989. So far as advances to weaker sections are concerned, these banks have extended 10.8% of their total advances and 24.5% of their total priority sector advances to weaker sections by the end of December, 1989.

Plan for the betterment of the conditions of weavers in U.P.

*336. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent a plan for the betterment of the conditions of weavers in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps are contemplated by the Government of India to protect these weavers from the middlemen for regular and proper supply of yarn and other raw material and to assure adequate wages for them; and

(d) what are the details of the financial assistance given to the State Government for the development of weavers during the last three years, year-wise and to be provided during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [*See* appendix CLIV, annexure No 72]

Setting up of an academy for training judicial officials

*337 SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3046 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision on the recommendation made by the Law Commission in its 117th Report and submitted to Government about the setting up of an academy for training of judicial officers;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the stage at which the proposal rests at present?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI):(a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to set up an Academy for the training of Judicial Officers.

(b) The details are being worked out in consultation with the Chief Justice of India.

(c) does not arise.

Directives issued to banks to establish SC/ST cells

*338. SHRI. SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in January, 1983 his Ministry hed issued directives to all the banks to establish SC/ST cells at each Zonal/Regional Office of the banks;

(b) whether these directives have been complied with by all the banks located in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) If not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):(a) to (c) Instructions had been issued in February, 1985 to all the banks to establish SC/ST Cells at each of their Head, Zonal and Regional Offices. Almost all the banks having zonal and regional offices in the State of Madhya Pradesh have complied with these instructions. However, to ensure compliance with these orders, instructions have again been issued to all the banks to set up SC/ST Cell at all their zonal and regional offices.

India's balance of trade position

*339. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was India's balance of trade position at the end of the financial year, 1989-90;

(b) how does it compare with the corresponding figures at the close of the last three financial years; and

(c) what concrete steps are contemplated to achieve positive balance of trade figure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) India's balance of trade during 1986-87 to 1989-90 in Rupee and Dollar terms, is given below:—

	Rupee Terms (Rs. Crores)	Dollar Terms (US$Million)
1986-87	—7644	—5982
1987-88	—6570	—5067
1988-89(R)	—7892	—5449
1989-90(P)	—7731	—4643

(R): Revised as per March 1990 Press Note

(P): Provisional, as per March 1990 Press Note

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) A series of steps have been taken for export promotion and import substitution to reduce the deficit in the balance of trade. These are designed to make exports commercially viable through upgrading industrial efficiency, ensuring supply of raw materials at competitive prices, strengthening infrastructure and simplifying the procedure. Simultaneously, steps have been taken to ensure efficient import substitution particularly in the area of bulk imports. It has also been decided to reduce the import of non-essential items.

सोने का खनन

*340 **डा॰ रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश के सोने की विभिन्न खानों से खनन करके कितनी मात्रा में सोना निकाला जा रहा है; और

(ख)देश के अन्य भागों में सोने की खोज के लिये क्या प्रयास किये जा रहें हैं?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री साथ में विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री दिनेश गोस्वामी): (क) विभिन्न खानों से 1989-90 में निकाले गए सोने की मात्रा इस प्रकार है:

भारत सरकार के उपक्रम भारत गोल्ड माइंस लिमिटेड की खानों से 773.3 किलोग्राम सोना निकाला गया, जिसका विवरण इस प्रकार है:—

(1) कोलार स्वर्ण क्षेत्र, जिला कोलार, कर्नाटक